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SUBJ: R/R GRAIN FOR CHAD: RESOLUTION OUTSTANDING ISSUES WITH
GOC.

REF: STATE 223118

1. GOC DROUGHT COORDINATOR DJONOUMA RETURNED NDJAMENA AFTERNOON
OCT 10 ONLY TO LEAVE THAT EVENING FOR SARH IN COMPANY WITH
PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE ON OCCASION DEATH OF PRESIDENT'S BROTHER-
IN LAW. DJONOUMA WROTE ME SUGGESTING APPOINTMENT FOR FOLLOWING
DAY, BUT FOUND HIMSELF DETAINED IN SARH UNTIL OCT 14. THE SARA
PEOPLE, LIKE THE CELTS WITH WHOSE TRIBAL INSTITUTIONS I HAVE
SOMEWHAT MORE FAMILIARITY, APPARENTLY FIND WAKES AND FUNERALS
AGREEABLE TO THE CONDUCT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, FOR UPON KING
GRAIN COMMANDER'S AND MY MEETING WITH DJONOUMA FOLLOWING HIS
RETURN TO NDJAMENA ON OCT 15, MOST OF THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES
WERE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.

2. KING GRAIN PERSONAL ACCOMODATIONS: GOC WILL PAY ONE-THIRD
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OF COST OF ROOMS DIRECTLY TO HOTEL; REMAINING TWO-THIRDS WILL

BE PAID BY EMB ON BEHALF USAF PERSONNEL INTO ACCOUNT FOR DROUGHT RELIEF PROJECTS TO BE JOINTLY AGREED UPON. COMMENT: EMBASSY HOLDING ROOM FUNDS FROM THOSE USAF PERSONNEL WHO HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED. EMB/KING GRAIN WILL REFUND OVERPAYMENT TO INDIVIDUALS; COLLECT TWO-THIRDS ROOM RENT FROM FUTURE DEPARTING INDIVIDUALS, ISSUING THEM EMB RECEIPT; AND AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM AID/W FOR DEPOSIT FUNDS WITH LOCAL BANK OR GOC INSTITUTION.

3. STAGING AIRLIFT FROM NDJAMENA: DJONOUA STATED HE HAD APPROVED IMMEDIATELY ON HIS RETURN. AIRLIFT BEGAN OUT OF NDJAMENA OCT 15; FEW ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS MAY BE MADE FROM MAIDUGURI AS PALLETS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT THERE.

4. DIRECT TRANSPORT BY NIGERIAN TRUCKS TO NDJAMENA: DJONOUA STATED MATTER HAS BEEN APPROVED BY GOC IN PRINCIPAL, ALTHOUGH WRITTEN REPLY MIGHT STILL TAKE SOME TIME. DJONOUA ASSURED HIS ORAL APPROVAL SUFFICIENT AT LEAST FOR NOW AND TRANSPORT WOULD BEGIN ASAP. COMMENT: RECOMMEND BEGINNING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT PATTERN IS ESTABLISHED BEFORE GOC ATTENTION TURNS TO FACT THAT STOCKS MAIDUGURI MAY WELL BE EXHAUSTED BY END OF MONTH.

5. AIRLIFTED GRAIN TO FAYA LARGEAU: DJONOUA REITERATED ONCE AGAIN THAT AIRLIFTED SORGHUM AT LARGEAU WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED QUICKLY TO NEEDY PEOPLE AND THAT PREFET WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED "BLOCK" DISTRIBUTION. POINTED OUT THAT PROBLEM DID NOT SEEM BE ONE OF "BLOCKAGE" BY PREFET, WHO COOPERATED FULLY WITH AID MONITOR, BUT JUDGEMENT OF PREFET AND MONITOR THAT MORE TONNAGE HAD BEEN AIRLIFTED THAN HAD BEEN REQUIRED BY LIMITED NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN NEED. THEREFORE EMB PROPOSED THAT AIRLIFT TO FADA BE CURTAILED AFTER APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED TONS DELIVERED, AND ANY ADDITIONAL FADA EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS BE MET BY SURFACE TRANSPORTATION FROM FAYA LARGEAU. DJONOUA CONCURRED, AND ASKED THAT GRAIN NOT DELIVERED TO FADA BE DIVIDED BETWEEN BILTINE AND ABECHÉ.

5. COMMENT: WILL CANCEL REQUEST SEE PRESIDENT ON OCT 18 UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.
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